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Welcome the new Chief

CJIA Executive Committee meeting August 21st at 10:00 a.m. in the DIS Boardroom, Olympia

ISB endorses SIEC, welcomes new Acting DIS Director

Locke names Serpas as State Patrol chief

On July 19, Gov. Gary Locke named **Ronal W. Serpas** as the chief of the Washington State Patrol.

Serpas currently serves as the assistant superintendent of police and chief of operations for the New Orleans Police Department, a position he has held since October 1996.

During his tenure as chief of operations, Serpas served as the second in command of the agency and was responsible for the day-to-day management of more than 1,500 officers and civilians.

"The Washington State Patrol has a rich history. Chief Serpas's diverse law enforcement career demonstrates that he has the talents and skills to lead the patrol's team of more than 2,100 law enforcement personnel," Locke said.

"Specifically, the chief's record of helping to reduce violent crimes, cleaning up the New Orleans police department, and making residents feel safer testifies to the quality of leadership he will bring to the patrol," the governor added.

For additional information, see
<http://access.wa.gov/news/article.asp?name=n0107079.htm>

Information Services Board joined by new Acting DIS Director, endorses SIEC

The Information Services Board endorsed the creation of the State Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) at its June 12th meeting.

The Information Services Board charged the Justice Information Committee with creating a task force to study problems associated with wireless interoperability. A committee was formed with representatives from the Department of Emergency Management, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Natural Resources, King County, Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs, Washington State Department of Transportation, the Washington State Patrol, the Department of Health, the Department of Information Services and the Washington State Association of Fire Chiefs. This group recommended to the Justice Information

Committee that a State Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) be formed to apply for additional radio spectrum that was made available by the Federal Communications Commission for use by state public safety agencies. Additionally, the committee also recommended that the SIEC be charged with administering additional spectrum designed specifically for state wireless interoperability.

The co-chair of the Interoperability Committee, Clark Palmer of the Washington State Patrol presented the recommendations to ISB, which endorsed the recommendations of the committee.

At the same meeting, Paul Isaki, the Governor's Chief of Staff, introduced Gary Robinson as the new Acting Director of the Department of Information Services (DIS) and member of the Board. Before joining DIS, Gary most recently served as Senior Assistant Director for the Office of Financial Management (OFM).

News from WSP

WSP AFIS, live-scan, criminal history

Implementation of the interface between the Washington State Patrol (WSP) Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) and the Washington State Identification System (WASIS), WSP criminal history system, is delayed until the end of August 2001. This interface will complete the fifth and final phase of the AFIS replacement project started in 1999.

Phase I was completed with the AFIS installation of the central site; Phase II was completed following installation at eleven remote AFIS sites in local law enforcement agencies; Phase III was completed with the installation of stand-alone live-scan equipment as replacement for AFIS remote workstations located in four local law enforcement agencies. Phase IV, the interface between the four Phase III live-scan devices with AFIS, was scheduled for completion by the end of June 2001, but is delayed until software and network issues are resolved.

Phase V, the interface between AFIS and the criminal history system (WASIS), facilitates paperless reporting from local agencies to the state and eventually to the FBI. With AFIS and WASIS interfaced through an intermediate program, the WSP is poised to accept electronic submissions from the statewide live-scan devices. Federal funding will finance the installation and license costs to connect the local live-scan devices to the WSP AFIS. Because the federal fiscal year begins October 1, the schedule of installation reported in the April JIN Community Update will be deferred at least one quarter.

As was reported previously, the schedule of installation is based upon fingerprint card volume generated in each county. Local system interfaces may be a factor in the readiness of software at a live-scan site.

Revised Tentative County Calendar

Snohomish 4Q 2001

Pierce 4Q 2001

Spokane 4Q 2001

Clark 4Q 2001

Yakima and Sunnyside 4Q 2001

Chelan 1Q 2002

Cowlitz 1Q 2002

Kitsap 1Q 2002

Thurston and Olympia 1Q 2002
Benton 1Q 2002
Franklin 1Q 2002
Lewis 1Q 2002
Skagit 2Q 2002
Whatcom 2Q 2002
Mason 2Q 2002
Okanogan 2Q 2002

King County plans to link live-scan equipment to the King County regional AFIS, and transmit the prints and demographic information electronically to WSP in the third quarter of 2001.

For more information, please contact Ms. Joan Smith, Washington State Patrol, at (360) 705-5117.

DOL goes Digital

Driver licenses go digital

OLYMPIA -- The Washington State Department of Licensing (DOL) began piloting its new digitized driver license today at the Lacey Licensing Services Office.

[Lacey](#) is the first office to issue the new style of driver license, identification card and instruction permit. New equipment to create the digital licenses is being installed at driver licensing offices across the state, and will be completed by early August.

Old-style licenses will remain valid until their expiration date.

The new licenses are created using a new digital imaging process.

The front of every card features a view of Mt. Rainier, larger and bolder printing, and a digital portrait of the individual. Printed on the back are the individual's endorsements and restrictions along with barcodes containing machine-readable information matching the printed information on the card's face.

"It seems appropriate that residents of the 'Digital State' should have a digital driver license," explained DOL Director Fred Stephens.

"We're pleased to provide a card that includes security features to help protect against fraud, tampering and identity theft."

Drivers being issued the new license will first receive a temporary black and white document, which is printed on paper and is valid for 30 days from the date issued. The permanent license will be produced and mailed from a central location in Washington within seven days of the office visit. Law enforcement, financial institutions and retailers should honor the temporary license, new permanent license and valid old-style license as acceptable forms of identification.

For downloadable versions of the new driver license, please visit the DOL Web site at www.wa.gov/dol and click on "News Releases."

King County is WIRED

King County gets WIRED

Many criminals have harnessed the technology that fueled Washington's recent economic boom. Access to cell phones and pagers means criminals do not confine their activities to a single locale, instead, they are as mobile as society. Additionally, the state must consider the positive association between population growth and

crime rates. This reality has prompted the King County Police Chiefs' Association to take a giant step forward with a new and innovative approach to law enforcement.

"We need to get smarter about the ways we solve crimes and capture criminals. We need a way to share information. We need to be able to send that information to a centrally managed archive in a quick and organized fashion and search that information quickly for key words and terms," said Chief Keith Haines, of the Tukwila Police Department.

WIRE (Web-Based Information for Regional Enforcement) is the King County Police Association's pilot effort to bring regional information-sharing to King County law enforcement agencies. WIRE gives officers the ability to share information about certain crimes, providing tremendous leverage in identifying patterns, and gives police agencies an edge in making communities safer.

WIRE is built to take advantage of exciting new technology and law enforcement partnerships that promise up-to-the-minute crime reporting. Partner agencies submit bulletins about crime patterns or specific people to a central location where they are converted to a common format and then posted on the WIRE Web site. Once these bulletins arrive on the site, they are immediately text searchable. An officer investigating a crime can search thousands of documents for key words and phrases in seconds.

Currently the partnering agencies include the Kent Police Department, Bellevue Police Department, King County Sheriff's Office, King County Prosecutor's Office, Redmond Police Department, Seattle Police Department, Tukwila Police Department, Washington State Attorney General, Kirkland Police Department, Renton Police Department, Auburn Police Department, Port of Seattle Police Department and the University of Washington Police Department.

For more information about the WIRE project, contact Chief Keith Haines at the Tukwila Police Department, khaines@ci.tukwila.wa.us

COMPASS initiative

COMPASS project enhances public safety

COMPASS (Community, Mapping, Planning and Analysis for Safety Strategies) is a City of Seattle initiative that intends to enhance public safety by using advanced technology to access and understand information. Using tools that combine comprehensive data, geographic mapping and structured action planning process, COMPASS will make it easier for law enforcement to understand where and when public safety problems are occurring, why they are occurring, and what solutions can be effective in solving them.

The main goals of the COMPASS Project are to:

1. Promote a citywide public safety problem solving model that is built upon analysis of accurate, timely and integrated data
2. Create an accessible state-of-the-art data infrastructure that combines comprehensive crime, public safety, demographic, social and environmental data with geographic mapping
3. Identify major safety problems
4. Develop effective solutions to these problems by using the data infrastructure and problem solving approach

5. Evaluate and document the efforts, processes, systems, and outcomes of Seattle's COMPASS Project to serve as a replication model for other jurisdictions nationwide

COMPASS will provide new tools to help city, county, and community organizations to identify, understand, resolve, and monitor high-priority public safety problems.

For more information, contact: Sid Sidorowicz, COMPASS Project Director at 206-615-0463, or e-mail sid.sidorowicz@ci.seattle.wa.us

Blueprints available

JIN Blueprints now available

The 2001-2003 Integration JIN Blueprint is now available online at: <http://www.wa.gov/dis/jin/Publications.html>, or if you wish to receive a printed version of the Blueprint, please contact Dennis Hausman at DennisH@dis.wa.gov

DOL and WSP

New law eliminates physical VIN inspections

Vehicles brought into Washington state from another state or country will go through a stolen-vehicle screening process within the Department of Licensing (DOL) before a Washington state title is issued, beginning July 1, 2001.

Prior to July 1, a physical inspection and a database search were performed on these vehicles by the State Patrol at inspection stations located throughout the state. The new law eliminates the physical inspection requirement and shifts responsibility for the computer search to DOL. The change streamlines the process of titling an out-of-state vehicle by eliminating the trip to the inspection station for about 1,000 vehicle owners each day.

The elimination of the physical inspection should improve customer service and consumer protection, Washington State Patrol Captain Eric Robertson said.

"Instead of inspecting possibly stolen vehicles already in the hands of consumers, the State Patrol will devote resources to going after stolen cars and car thieves with a special unit of detectives," Robertson said.

People who move into Washington have 30 days to obtain Washington license plates. Washington residents who purchase vehicles from outside of the state are required to register these vehicles immediately.

For more information, contact Brad Benfield, Public Affairs, (360) 902-3723, or e-mail bbenfield@dol.wa.gov.

SEARCH Symposium

SEARCH Symposium October 1-3

The 2001 SEARCH Symposium on Integrated Justice Information Systems will be held October 1-3, 2001 in Jacksonville, Florida. The State of Washington will be forming a team that will attempt to cover all of the symposium work tracts. This three-day event promises to provide the tools and techniques that agencies and jurisdictions need to properly plan for and implement integrated justice systems. For additional information on the SEARCH Symposium please go to <http://www.search.org>

If you are considering going to the SEARCH Symposium and want to join the Washington team, participate in our planning sessions and be eligible for a \$100 discount on the price of the symposium, please contact the Dennis Hausman at DennisH@dis.wa.gov or call 360-902-3463.

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